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Commissioner Rose Harvey
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Albany, New York 12238

Dear Commissioner Harvey:

I am certain you have received many letters in support of preserving St. Ignatius Retreat House and having it listed on the New York State Registry of Historic Landmarks. I have been down this road before, having testified years ago at the hearing for the North Hempstead Town Hall landmark application, which was granted landmark status.

Once again, the community is attempting to prevent the wrecking ball on a beautiful, historically significant structure in my Assembly district. I have enclosed a letter I wrote to one of our local papers which sums up my sentiment toward preserving Insifada.

I understand the financial pressure on the Jesuit Order because of operating costs, but I hope a manageable solution which respects the community wishes of long-term preservation for the architectural structure and fair financial compensation to the owner can be achieved.

I thank you for your continued mission of protecting parkland and preserving the legacies of historical remnants of our great state.

Yours truly,

Michelle Schimel
Member of Assembly

<http://www.antonnews.com/manhassetpress/opinion/31886-letter-inisfadas-demise.html>